

What is claimed is:

1. A card verification system comprising:
a card in which a card identification code is registered;

a read unit which reads said card

5 identification code from said card; and
a verification apparatus which verifies said card only when an existing place of said read unit is within an area corresponding to said card identification code.

2. The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said read unit has a read unit identification code, and notifies said read unit identification code to said verification apparatus,

5 and
said verification apparatus has a table which shows a correspondence relation between said read unit identification code and said existing place, and searches and acquires said existing place
10 corresponding to said notified read unit identification code from said table.

3. The card verification system according to claim 2, further comprising a mobile phone,
said verification apparatus has another table which shows a correspondence relation between said

5 card identification code and said mobile phone, and
said area is coincident with an area for one
or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.

4. The card verification system according to
claim 3, further comprising a storage unit which
stores data showing said area corresponding to said
mobile phone, and

5 said verification apparatus acquires said
area data from said storage unit.

5. The card verification system according to
claim 4, wherein a user of said mobile phone deletes
said area data from said storage unit by operating
said mobile phone, and

5 said verification apparatus does not verify
said card when said area data is not stored in said
storage unit.

6. The card verification system according to
claim 1, wherein said card is a credit card.

7. A card verification method using a card
verification system which comprises a card that a card
identification code is registered, a read unit which
reads said card identification code from said card,
5 and a verification apparatus which verifies said card

only when an existing place of said read unit belonging to corresponds to said card identification code, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring from said card, an existing place
10 of said read unit which read said card;

acquiring said area from said recorder;

determining whether or not said existing place is in said area;

when said existing place does not belong to
15 said area, prohibiting settlement.

8. The card verification method according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

deleting said recorded area; and

when said area is not recorded in said

5 recorder, prohibiting the settlement.